

pre-occupied with the imminent arrival of the conference dinner.

The Daresbury Park Hotel again provided an excellent venue for the conference meal. After dinner, some impromptu presentations were made by Alvina Vazina from the Russian Academy of Sciences. The lucky recipients of awards allegedly sanctioned by President Yeltsin himself, included John Squire, Wim Bras and Manolis Pantos. All three retired to the bar to celebrate in manner also allegedly favoured by the Russian premier.

Randall Richards (Durham) began the Thursday morning session with an account of reflectometric small-angle neutron scattering studies of polymer "brushes". David Norman (CLRC Daresbury Laboratory) outlined recent progress at the SRS including a description of the planned upgrades and the status of DIAMOND. Günter Grossmann (CLRC Daresbury Laboratory) described the way in which a molecular envelope, determined by solution scattering measurements of proteins, could be used as a starting point for phase extension methods. After coffee, Patrick Fairclough (Sheffield) highlighted the use of station 16.2 at the SRS in studies of thin films of diblock copolymers and Neville Boden (Leeds) concluded the talks with a fascinating description of the self-assembly of peptides to form biopolymer tapes and their similarity to the fibrils found in Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease.

John Squire closed the meeting by asking Kenn Gardner and Keiichi Namba to present cheques to the winners of the poster competition. Shao-Min Mai (Manchester) and Simon Turner (Sheffield) jointly accepted the award for the best poster in the polymer category while Richard Denny accepted a cheque on behalf of Jeff Harford (Imperial and King's College) for the best poster in the biology category.

Richard Denny

#### Photographs of the meeting on page 9:

*Richard Denny gleefully accepts a cheque on behalf of Jeff Harford (now you know, Jeff). Shao-Min Mai and Simon Turner share a prize. A "hands-on" training session for CCP13 and NCD software takes place during the poster session.*

## Forthcoming meetings

### 8th Annual Fibre Diffraction and Non-Crystalline Diffraction Workshop

15-17 June 1999  
University of St Andrews

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the web pages at

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## DARTS bursaries

**DARTS** at CLRC Daresbury Laboratory has kindly funded several bursaries for PhD students to attend the 8th Annual Fibre Diffraction and Non-Crystalline Diffraction Workshop at the University St Andrews (see above and inside back cover). These bursaries will cover the cost of accommodation and registration and may include a contribution to travelling expenses. An application for a bursary can be made through the web pages at

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**All bursary applications must be accompanied by the submission of a poster abstract to the Workshop.**



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